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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., October 29th, 1883

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You cannot therefore accept the offer of Mr. Wharton to furnish 20,000 pounds additional at same rate as last purchase but when you require nickel you must purchase the same by public advertisement.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Benson
Director.

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